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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

Washington

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April 15, 1947

My dear General Vandenberg:

I have your letter of April 11 pointing out that the work of the Board on Geographical Names is important to the solution of the name problems of the Central Intelligence Group, especially in relation to the interchangeability of intelligence information and to the standardization of intelligence geographic indexing techniques.

In accordance with your request the Board will undertake accomplishment of the substantive research required to standardize and arrange in suitable form for intelligence machine records indexing purposes, the [REDACTED] names included in its master files, and will make these files available to CIG for inclusion in its central indexing system.

The BGN will submit to your office a breakdown of the project costs based on available experience data in order that final arrangements can be completed for a transfer of funds to the Department of the Interior.

In view of the close relation between the work of these two agencies it appears desirable for the CIG to be represented on the Advisory Committee of the Board. It is appropriate therefore for you to designate the person whom you would like to have appointed to serve in that capacity.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgt) Warner W. Gardner

Acting Secretary of the Interior.

Lieutenant General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, USA

Director of Central Intelligence

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